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SUBJECT: BAHAMAS AND THE EC

1. THE GCOB IS IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING ITS FUTURE POLICY ON ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC. THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED THE GCOB THE SERVICES OF A RETIRED CANADIAN FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO ASSIST IN DRAWING UP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL THE GCOB HAS DECIDED THAT IT WILL NOT SEEAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC IF REVERSE PREFERENCES ARE REQUIRED. THE GCOB SEES ITS LONG TERM INTEREST IN TRADE WITH THE US AND THUS WOULD NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE ITS ACCESS TO THE US GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SYSTEM. ACCESS TO THE EC IS DESIRED PRINCIPALLY FOR THE RUM PRODUCED AT THE LOCAL BACARDI PLANT, AND TO A MUCH LESSER EXTENT FOR PHARMACEUTICALS PRODUCED BY THE SYNTEX CORPORATION IN FREEPORT.

3. THE BAHAMAS HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND THE AACS AND THUS LACKS INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. EMBASSY HAS SHARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SOME OF THE INFORMATION

CONTAINED IN STATE 35882, WHICH IS THE LATEST REPORT WE HAVE.

4. THE GCOB MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS INTERESTED
IN RECEIVING: (1) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT
STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS, (2) DEPT'S VIEWS ON THE TIMETABLE
FOR CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND (3) ANYTHING RELATING TO THE
QUESTION OF ENTRY OF RUM INTO THE EC. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO WELCOME
ANY OTHER MATERIAL THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS USEFUL TO FACTOR
INTO THE GCOB'S DELIBERATIONS.

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